



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ■ MAINE MEDICAL CENTER ■ PORTLAND, MAINE 04102

Nov. 17, 1975

CORPORATORS TO MEET

The annual Fall meeting of the MMC Board of Corporators is scheduled Wednesday in the NDF lecture rooms, opening with registration and coffee at 3 p.m. Chairman Hugh C. Saunders will preside at a business meeting that will include the election of officers.

The program also will include the presentation of "Commitment to Caring," the new MMC A/V program, and the introduction of President Edward C. Andrews, Jr., whose topic will be "The Future of MMC: How Do We Chart Our Course."

ABOUT UNION CARDS

In response to a number of inquiries, the Administration distributed information Friday that will be helpful for employees who wish the return of signed union membership application cards. The information is designed for employees who did not fully understand what they were signing, or who now have changed their minds about joining the union. Distributed through supervisors and departments, the information includes the addresses of the union in New York and of the National Labor Relations Board in Boston and suggests--in view of the reported difficulty in contacting the union locally--that a letter requesting the card's return be sent to the union in New York, with a copy to the NLRB in Boston.

If you did not receive this information, your supervisor or department head can supply it.

PRIVATE LINE

An orderly system involving Chiefs of Services and Administrative department heads is working to supply answers directly to employees who ask questions on the Private Line, instituted last Monday. These answers are usually supplied by mail whenever the caller gives his or her name, and therein lies a minor problem: that sometimes when the caller speaks too rapidly, we don't quite catch the name. So...if you want an answer, please give your name and department slowly and distinctly.

But beyond that small, technical problem, Project Private Line seems to be working, and a number of suggestions from employees either have been adopted or are in active consideration. The calls--and there have been dozens of them--are appreciated.

EMPLOYEES' COUNCIL

Interested employees have asked us to report that a meeting to discuss formation of an Employees' Council will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. in the NDF Classrooms. About 50 attended a similar meeting last week, the group said.

DIABETES TESTING

Another go-round of free diabetes tests will be offered Tuesday afternoon in the Bramhall lobby. It's part of Diabetic Detection Month in which MMC people are participating through the Pine Tree Diabetes Association. Mrs. Georgette Carpenter, R.N., diabetes nurse clinician, says persons who wish to be tested should have a regular lunch with dessert then take the test (a drop of blood is taken) about an hour later.

MMC LANGUAGE BANK

Although MMC has access to the EXPRESS' Bruce Roberts Language Bank, it is usually more convenient to have someone from our own employee group assist when there's a language barrier between patients and the people who care for them. This is why a list of bi-lingual employees who are willing to help has been kept at the hospital for many years. It now needs to be updated, and if you speak another language and can help occasionally as an interpreter, we'd like to have your name, phone number and the language you speak. Call the PR department, 2196, and we'll put the new list together and make it available to Nursing.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The following have been named to the MMC Medical Staff by action of the Board of Trustees: Associate Medical Staff, Dr. Ronald C. Brooks, Gorham dentist; Dr. Stuart G. Gilbert, MMC Department of Radiology; Dr. Robert L. Morse, Portland internist; Dr. James W. Riechel, MMC Department of Anesthesia; Dr. Joseph E. Rubin, Portland psychiatrist; and Dr. Bruce J. Sahrbeck, So. Portland dentist. To the Courtesy Staff, Dr. Jeanne McDonald, So. Portland dentist; and Dr. Mary C. Howell, York Harbor pediatrician.

OPENS TODAY: MMC Women's Board Annual Christmas Sale in the Admitting lobby, Nov. 17 through Dec. 6. Sale hours will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., weekdays and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturdays.

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